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Proceedings of the National Republican Committee.

CHICAGO ON JUNE 2, 1880.

Effect of the Decision on the Various Candidates.

PROGRESS OF THE FINANCIAL FIGHT.

Senator Morgan at the Head of the Inflationists' Cohorts.

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17, 1879.

THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE—WHAT ITS ACTION INDICATES.

The labors and conclusions of the National Republican Committee, which has been in session here to-day, have, in the opinion of the closest and most competent observers, no bearing upon the fortunes of any candidate. The selection of Chicago for the meeting of the Convention is believed to please the Blaine and Grant men more than the Sherman men. The election of Senator Don Cameron as chairman is said in some quarters to have been accomplished by the influence of the Sherman men, but the better opinion is that he was chosen because he is a skilled and bold political manager and a man of wealth, and because it will increase the zeal of the Pennsylvania republicans. The only notable fact which appeared in the committee is that the Western men are, almost without exception, opposed to the Grant movement, so called. A far Western member of the committee said this evening that he was surprised to find in his journey through the Northwestern States toward Washington that the Grant cry was empty and hollow. "The Northwest," he said, "is for Blaine. The people I talked with and traveled with told me that in their judgment it was not wise nor necessary to renounce General Grant; that the party has other men, perfectly capable of filling the Presidential chair and that the proposition to nominate General Grant for a third term, even if it was made, it was not at all certain, was imprudent, contrary to the wholesome political traditions of the country and the examples of our great men and without justification. They had united in giving him a friendly and enthusiastic reception on his return home, but that did not mean that he ought to have a third term nomination."

THE FINANCIAL QUESTION IN THE SENATE—SENATOR MORGAN'S RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO SENATOR BAYARD'S—RALLY OF THE INFLATIONISTS.

The financial question was advanced one very important step to-day in the Senate. Senator Morgan, of Alabama, as the representative man of the democratic inflationists, offered a resolution, framed exactly as to be the exact converse of Senator Bayard's and opposing the repeal of legal tender. The resolution also demands the free and unlimited coinage of silver. It is in these words:—
Resolved, That the continuance of the existing volume of United States Treasury notes, with their legal tender preserved, the maintenance of their equivalency in value with coin, is demanded by the present necessities of trade, commerce and industry, and that the full restoration of silver coinage to an equality with gold is necessary to secure to the people of the United States a sufficient and permanent supply of money to maintain our national prosperity.

THE FIGHT OPENED.

The battle is thus fairly opened, and, while it will not be fought out before the holidays, Mr. Morgan's resolution offers rallying ground for the democratic and republican inflationists, just as the supporters of a sound currency have Mr. Bayard's resolution for their standard. As both these gentlemen call themselves democrats it will now become an interesting and possibly an important question who is the real democrat, and to which of the two banners the democratic Senators and Representatives will rally. There is no possibility of a compromise between the requirements of Mr. Bayard and those of Mr. Morgan, and the step taken by the latter to-day in offering his resolution and emphasizing it by a speech shows that the inflationists have made up their minds not to be driven into the support of sound money, and not even to consent to a weak burking of the question.

A DETERMINED LEADER.

Senator Morgan is known in the Senate as one of the most determined and outspoken inflationists in that body. He has never concealed his opinions, and he has made no secret of the fact that he has created a reputation for himself among the soft money men at that time, who marked that "if Morgan means all he says, he looks very straightly toward repudiation." In fact a good many of the soft money men at that time said Mr. Morgan went further than they were willing to follow him. That he should now be placed in the van of those who oppose Senator Bayard's motion may be regarded as significant of the meaning and purpose of those who insist that the greenbacks shall not be deprived of their legal tender quality. They know that to repeal the legal tender clause is to make a new inflation impossible, and this is the main ground of their opposition.

ANOTHER SECTIONAL ISSUE.

Senator Morgan is a bold and determined politician. He understands perfectly that the Eastern democrats, not only in the Senate but in the House, will not follow or submit any longer to inflationary movements. This the Western and Southern inflation democrats were plainly told last year, and it was because they were strongly impressed with this determination of the Eastern democrats to abandon the party rather than support a soft money or inflation policy that they got up the elections marshals and troops at the polls issues, on which Mr. Thurman and others were so disastrously beaten in the fall elections. Mr. Morgan has now, on behalf of Western and Southern inflationist, made the issue with the Eastern democrats. The inflation wing of the democratic party thus declares that it will not resign its pretensions to rule the party and prescribe its policy. It has put forward in this movement not its oldest or strongest man, but that one who is least apt to flinch and who will trumpet to the greatest lengths. It would not trouble Senator Morgan's mind or cause him to falter if the occasion should arise for him in the name of his associates to rush out of the party men like Senators Bayard, Kern and Randolph. He has not a compromising spirit, and if the inflationists mean fight they have chosen the proper man to head them.

THE HAMPTON-GARY CONTROVERSY—IMPORTANT LETTERS TO BE PUBLISHED.

Senator Hampton was asked to-day whether he meant to reply further to the charges preferred by General Gary a few days ago and repeated by him in the *Herald* of to-day. The Senator replied that he did not desire to add to what he has already said in the *Herald*, and that the three letters referred to in his previously reported conversation will probably be republished at an early date it will not be necessary for him to do so. These letters are an anonymous communication printed in a Georgia paper making substantially the same charges now made by General Gary, and two others in reply to General Samuel Mcowan and Colonel C. K. Howell, members of the State Democratic Executive Committee, denying and disproving the allegations of the first.

FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17, 1879.

THE M'CARB-ORTH CONTENTED ELECTION CASE.

The McCabe-Orth contested election case took a new turn to-day and one that will probably result in giving it a place before the House. McCabe has filed

an affidavit with the Committee on Elections setting forth the reasons why he failed to complete his evidence for a contest within the time provided by law. The facts stated in the affidavit are such as will appeal strongly to the sympathy of members. He says that the prolonged sickness of a favorite son ending in his death rendered him so unfit for business that he was obliged to neglect everything, even to the extent of allowing a case in court to fall through default which cost him \$4,000. This affidavit is one that will appeal very strongly to the members of the committee of the House, and it will be a difficult matter to refuse his request, especially as there are precedents for granting it. There is little doubt but the case will be given place before the committee and the House.

GIANT STEAMSHIP PROJECT—PROPOSED SUBSIDIES FOR SEVENTEEN DIFFERENT LINES.

Congressman Martin, of North Carolina, introduced a gigantic scheme in the House to-day for the establishment of mail steamship lines for the principal ports of the United States to all important commercial ports in the known world. It is in the nature of a big subsidy. Seventeen distinct lines are established, and the amount to be paid as compensation for each line is left blank. The President and Postmaster General are authorized to enter into contracts for the service, which is to be as follows:—

First—For a weekly mail service between Boston and one or more ports in Great Britain.

Second—For a semi-monthly service between New York and one or more ports in Great Britain.

Third—For a weekly service between the port of New York and one or more ports in the Mediterranean Sea and the Red Sea.

Fourth—For a semi-monthly service between the port of New York and one or more ports of the Mediterranean Sea and the Red Sea.

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